

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel non-elected Claims 22 to 28 and 34 to 36 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. The remaining claims are presented below, as follows:

1 to 36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) An optical scanning apparatus comprising a deflection optical system which deflects a light beam from a light source, and an imaging optical system which forms an imaging spot on a surface to be scanned with the light beam from said deflection optical system,

wherein the oscillation wavelength of the light source is 500 nm or less, and

wherein said imaging optical system has at least one plastic lens and an optical member in which transmittance or reflectance thereof increases as the oscillation wavelength of the light source decreases.

38. (Previously Presented) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said optical member comprises a reflecting mirror.

39. (Previously Presented) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said optical member comprises a filter.

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40. (Previously Presented) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said optical member comprises an optical thin film.

41. (Previously Presented) An optical scanning apparatus according to any one of claims 37 to 40 or 44 to 46, wherein said light source comprises a gallium nitride blue-violet semiconductor laser.

42. (Previously Presented) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 37, wherein if the maximum and the minimum of the total ray passage distance of said at least one plastic lens according to the deflection angle from the optical axis is L<sub>max</sub> and L<sub>min</sub>, respectively, then L<sub>max</sub> - L<sub>min</sub> < 10 mm is satisfied.

43. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus comprising an optical scanning apparatus according to any one of claims 37 to 40 or 42;

a photosensitive member disposed at the surface to be scanned of said optical scanning apparatus;

a development device which develops as a toner image an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive member by a beam of light moved in a scanning manner by said optical scanning apparatus;

a transfer device which transfers the developed toner image onto a transfer member; and

a fixation device which fixes the transferred toner image on the transfer member.

44. (Previously Presented) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said optical member is a bending mirror.

45. (Previously Presented) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the oscillation wavelength of the light source varies over a range of oscillation wavelength.

46. (Previously Presented) An optical scanning apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the transmittance or reflectance of the optical member increases as the oscillation wavelength of the light source decreases over the range of oscillation wavelength.